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*Ex parte* MICHAEL D. LAUFER

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Appeal 2012-000673  
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**ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL**

Before DALE M. SHAW, *Division 2 Support Administrator*.

On May 13, 2009, Appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On October 9, 2012, Appellant filed a communication requesting express abandonment of the application. The request for express abandonment will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal.

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

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The application is being returned to the Examiner for further action as may be appropriate. If there are any questions pertaining to this dismissal, please contact the Patent Trial and Appeal Board at 571-272-9797.

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